GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CENSUS OF TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a decline in the population of tribals during each of the last three censuses;

(b) if so, the number of tribals according to each of the last three censuses alongwith the reasons for this decline, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI MANIKRAO H. GAVIT)

(a) to (c): No Sir; the Scheduled Tribe (ST) population of the country has registered an increase in the last three decades. From 5.16 crore in 1981, their number has increased to 6.77 crore in 1991 and 8.43 crore in 2001 Census. In proportionate terms, Scheduled Tribes constituted 7.8 per cent of the total population in 1981 and 8.1 in 1991. In 2001 Census, their proportion has been 8.2 per cent.